

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re divisional patent application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HANDLING
MASKED EXCEPTIONS IN AN INSTRUCTION INTERPRETER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

- ✓ On page 7, line 19, delete "and operating system".
- ✓ On page 8, line 20, replace "convention" with --conventional--.
- ✓ On page 10, line 27, replace "interrupted" with --intercepted--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the Abstract enclosed herewith on a separate sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 10 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method for processing an exception in an emulator program running on a digital computer having a memory and under control of an operating system, the emulator program emulating execution of a user program constructed for execution on a legacy platform, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving an exception from the operating system during operation of the emulator program;

determining whether the received exception was caused by the emulator program itself or by the user program; and

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